

CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

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1. to 5. (previously canceled)

6. (currently amended) A method for threading a wrapper end from a wrapper roll to a nip between wrapper proportioning drawing rolls in a wrapping station for wrapping paper rolls, board rolls and pulp rolls, comprising:

rotating a wrapper roll in a use position against a wrapper feeding direction such that a wrapper end falls on a surface of a wrapper feeding table;

detecting when the wrapper end has fallen on the surface of the wrapper feeding table;

stopping rotation of the wrapper roll when falling of the wrapper end on the surface of the wrapper feeding table has been detected;

rotating the wrapper roll in the wrapper feeding direction until the wrapper end passes an indicator positioned after the wrapper proportioning drawing rolls; and

blowing air along the surface of the wrapper feeding table so that the air is blown between the wrapper end and the surface of the wrapper feeding table so as to guide the wrapper end along the surface of the wrapper feeding table.

7. (previously canceled)

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein air is blown along the surface of the wrapper feeding table before falling of the wrapper end on the surface of the wrapper feeding table has been detected.

9. (currently amended) An apparatus for threading a wrapper end from a wrapper roll in a wrapping station for wrapping paper rolls, board rolls and pulp rolls, comprising:

a wrapper feeding table;

a means for rotating the wrapper roll in a wrapper feeding direction and in a direction opposite to the wrapper feeding direction;

at least one first sensor positioned to detect when the wrapper end has fallen on a surface of said wrapper feeding table;

a means for feeding the wrapper end from said wrapper feeding table toward a roll to be wrapped;

a frame having a use position in which the wrapper roll may be placed so that wrapper from the wrapper roll can be fed from the use position to said means for feeding the wrapper end;

at least one air nozzle positioned to blow air along the surface of said wrapper feeding table so that the air is blown between the wrapper end and the surface of the wrapper feeding table so as to guide the wrapper end along the surface of said wrapper feeding table toward said means for feeding the wrapper end; and

at least one second sensor positioned to detect when the wrapper end has passed said wrapper feeding means.

10. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said at least one air nozzle is positioned in said wrapper feeding table.

11. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said at least one air nozzle comprises a plurality of air nozzles.

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